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## VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING SENATE BILL 3 OF THE 2022 REGULAR SESSION

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

Senate Bill 3 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing Senate Bill 3 because it was drafted without public input and reflects unconstitutional political gerrymandering.

One look at the map reveals what those who drafted it in secret were trying to hide: the redistricting plan is a political gerrymander. Most egregiously, it re-draws the First Congressional District to wind across hundreds of miles, from Franklin County to Fulton County. Under this map, someone driving from Lexington to Louisville would cross five of the state's congressional districts, but it would take over four hours to get from one side of the First District to the other. Plainly, this map is not designed to provide fair representation to the people of Kentucky and was not necessary because of population changes.

Because the people of the Commonwealth deserve a fair and representative redistricting plan, I am vetoing Senate Bill 3.

This the day of January, 2022.

Andy Beshea

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